IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

TRUSTEES of the CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS PENSION FUND, et al.))
Plaintiffs,) Case No. 08 C 178:
) Judge Dow
V.)
DISTINCTIVE SPACES INC.)
Defendant.))

MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

Plaintiffs, by its attorney, Daniel P. McAnally, move this Honorable Court to enter Judgment by Default according to Fed. R. Civ. P. 55 for Defendant's failure to appear, answer or otherwise plead. Further, in support of this Motion the Plaintiffs state:

- 1. Plaintiffs filed their complaint on March 27, 2008 and the summons and complaint was served on Bruce Paterson, registered agent on April 13, 2008 via the Process Server. (Exhibit A, affidavit of service)
- 2. The Defendant has failed to appear, answer or otherwise plead within the time allowed by the Fed. R. Civ. P.
- 3. At all times relevant to this action, the Defendant has been bound by the provisions of a Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Trust Agreements which created the Trust Funds. Pursuant to the provisions of the Trust Agreements and the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Defendant is required to submit monthly reports to the Trust Funds which list the number of hours worked by the Defendant's employees and to pay the ERISA contributions based on those hours.

- 4. The Defendant submitted the monthly contribution reports but failed to submit the ERISA contributions shown to be owed in the amount of \$27,744.75 for the months of November 2007 through January 2008. The Defendant also failed to remit the union dues it withheld from the employees' wages. The amount of dues withheld is \$1,956.68 for the period November 2007 through January 2008. (Exhibit B, affidavit of James Rosemeyer)
- 5. The Defendant owes interest on the unpaid ERISA contributions in the amount of \$641.60 pursuant to the Trust Agreements and 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(B). (Exhibit B)
- 6. The Defendant owes liquidated damages on the unpaid ERISA contributions in the amount of \$4,151.29 for the period May 2007 through January 2008 pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreements, the Trust Agreements and 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(C)(ii). (Exhibit B)
- 7. The Defendant owes the sum of \$1,452.50 for necessary and reasonable attorney fees and costs of \$510.00 which are collectible under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Trust Agreements and 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(D). (Exhibit C, affidavit of Daniel P. McAnally)

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray that their motion for judgment by default be granted in the amount of \$36,456.82.

Respectively submitted,

s/ DANIEL P. McANALLY
Attorney for Plaintiffs

Whitfield McGann & Ketterman 111 E. Wacker Drive Suite 2600 Chicago, IL 60601 312/251-9700

EXHIBIT LIST

EXHIBIT A

Affidavit of Service, Special Process Server

EXHIBIT B

Sworn Declaration Pursuant To 28 U.S.C.A. § 1746 James Rosemeyer, Contributions Manager

EXHIBIT C

Sworn Declaration Pursuant To 28 U.S.C.A. § 1746 Daniel P. McAnally, Plaintiffs Attorney

Exhibit A

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL CASE

TRUSTEES of the REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS PENSION FUND. WELFARE FUND and APPRENTICE & TRAINEE PROGRAM FUND

CASE NUMBER:

08 C 1781

V.

ASSIGNED JUDGE:

JUDGE DOW MAGISTRATE JUDGE VALDEZ

DISTINCTIVE SPACES INC.

DESIGNATED

MAGISTRATE JUDGE:

TO: (Name and address of Defendant)

DISTINCTIVE SPACES INC. c/o BRUCE PATERSON, REGISTERED AGENT 127 AMBASSADOR, SUITE 111 NAPERVILLE, IL 60540

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY (name and address)

DANIEL P. McANALLY WHITFIELD McGANN & KETTERMAN 111 E. WACKER DRIVE **SUITE 2600** CHICAGO, IL 60601

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an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within	20	days after service of this
summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so	, judgment by default wil	l be taken against you for the
relief demanded in the complaint. You must also file your answer with th	e Clerk of this Court with	in a reasonable period of time
after service.		-

Michael W. Dobbins, Clerk

March 27, 2008

Date

ClientCaseID:

N7638/DPM

Law Firm ID: WHITFIEL



CaseReturnDate: 5/1/08

Affidavit of Special Process Server

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Case Number 08C1781

I, RONDA J. FEEHAN

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CORPORATE SERVICE

THAT I SERVED THE WITHIN SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT
ON THE WITHIN NAMED DEFENDANT Distinctive Spaces, Inc.
PERSON SERVED BRUCE PATERSON, REGISTERED AGENT
BY LEAVING A COPY OF EACH WITH THE SAID DEFENDANT ON 4/13/08
SUBJECT'S HAIR COLOR IS BLACK AND GREY.

That the sex, race and approximate age of the person whom I left the

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Honda J. Feehan

are as follow:

Sex MALE

Race WHITE

Age 50

Height 5'10"

Build THIN

Hair GREY

LOCATION OF SERVICE

1608 SIERRA HIGHLANDS DR PLAINFIELD, IL, 60544

Date Of Service

4/13/08

Time of Service

12:07 PM

Special Process Server

P.E.R.C.# 129-277836

Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statement are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he/she verily believes same to be true.

Exhibit B

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

TRUSTEES of the CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS PENSION FUND, et al.)))
Plaintiffs,) Case No. 08 C 1781
v.) Judge Dow)
DISTINCTIVE SPACES INC.)
Defendant.)
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SWORN DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C.A. § 1746

James Rosemeyer declares as follows:

- 1. I am the Manager of the Employer Contributions Department for the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund and the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Welfare Fund ("Trust Funds") and in such capacity I am authorized to make this Declaration on behalf of the Trust Funds.
- 2. The Defendant executed an Agreement with the Chicago and Northeast Illinois Regional Council of Carpenters ("Union") whereby it agreed to be bound by the provisions of a Collective Bargaining Agreement and to all Collective Bargaining Agreements subsequently negotiated.
- 3. Pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement and the Collective Bargaining Agreements, the Defendant agreed to be bound by the provisions of the Agreements and Declarations of Trust, which created the Plaintiffs' Trust Funds.
- 4. Pursuant to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreements and Trust Agreements, the Defendant is required to submit monthly reports which list the number of hours worked by its carpenter employees and the Defendant is required to pay contributions based upon the hours listed.

- The Defendant submitted the contribution reports for the period November 5. 2007 through January 2008 but did not pay the contributions. The reports show that \$27,744.75 is owed in ERISA contributions. The Defendant also failed to remit the union dues it withheld from the employees' wages. The amount of dues withheld is \$1,956.68 for the period November 2007 through January 2008.
- Because of its failure to pay contributions in a timely manner, the Trust 6. Agreement and Collective Bargaining Agreement mandate the assessment of liquidated damages. The liquidated damages calculation was based on the rate set forth in the controlling Trust Agreements, which is 1.5% compounded per month. The amount of liquidated damages owed is \$4,151.29 for the period May 2007 through January 2008.
- The interest calculation is based on the ERISA Section awarding such interest. 7. 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2) and because the relevant Trust Agreements do not specify the rate of interest, the calculations were done pursuant to Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue Code. The amount of interest owed is \$641.60.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing information contained in this Declaration is true and correct.

Date:

May 21, 2008

5/15/2008

Distinctive Spaces, Inc. 127 Ambassador Suite 111 Naperville, II. 60540

Account #24071

Contributi	<u>ons</u>	Liquidated Damages	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Dues</u>
May-07		\$455.18		
Jun-07		\$471.11		
Jul-07		\$435.51		
Aug-07		\$252.82		
Sep-07		\$150.50		
Oct-07		\$93.80		
Nov-07	\$15,378.00	\$1,436.97	\$420.31	\$1,088.46
Dec-07	\$6,063.75	\$468.63	\$127.11	\$424.05
Jan-08	<u>\$6,303.00</u>	<u>\$386.77</u>	<u>\$94.18</u>	<u>\$444.17</u>
totals:	\$27,744.75	\$4,151.29	\$641,60	\$1,956.68

Exhibit C

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TRUSTEES of the CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS PENSION FUND, et al.))	
Plaintiffs,)) Case No. 08 C 17	81
v.) Judge Dow)	
DISTINCTIVE SPACES INC.)	
Defendant.)	

SWORN DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C.A. § 1746

Daniel P. McAnally declares as follows:

- 1. I am an associate of the law firm of Whitfield & McGann and am licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois and in the U.S. Dist. Court for Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.
- 2. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and if called to testify in this matter, I can competently testify to such facts from my own such knowledge.
- 3. I have in excess of 13 years experience representing trustees of employee benefit plans, including the prosecution of Federal Court litigation to collect delinquent employer contributions.
- 4. The Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Trust Agreements under which this action is based provide for the payment of attorneys' fees and costs incurred if the Trust Funds utilize legal counsel to collect unpaid ERISA contributions.
- 5. I have devoted 8.30 hours in connection with the this case at the rate of \$175.00 per hour. The total attorney fees billings is \$1,452.50.

- 6. In addition, the filing fee was \$350.00 and the fees for service of process were an additional \$160.00. These costs total \$510.00.
- 7. I certify that the attached detailed attorney fees and costs totaling \$1,962.50 were necessary and reasonable.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing information contained in this Declaration is true and correct.

Date: May 21, 2008

s/ DANIEL P. McANALLY

Attorney for the Trustees of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund, et al.

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355283 TIME 3/27/2008 Billed G:73225 4/2/2008 Prepare the complaint, civil cover sheet, appearance and summons for electronic filing; file the documents; confirm the court clerk received the documents.	DPM Billable CTF-C./N7638	0.40 0.00 0.00 0.00	175.00 T@7	70.00
355285 TIME 3/28/2008 Billed G:73225 4/2/2008 Prepare correspondence to legal process	DPM Billable CTF-C./N7638	1.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	175.00 T@7	175.00

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357607 TIME 5/9/2008 WIP Review Scott Forrest Stern & Assoc., Inc.'s report on service of the summons and complaint; review process server remarks regarding details of service; review affidavit of service for legality; electronically file the proof of service with the clerk of the U.S. Dist. Court for the Northern Dist. of Illinois; docket follow-up dates for Answer due date		0.50 0.00 0.00 0.00	175.00 T@7	87.50

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357669 TIME 5/12/2008 WIP Review e-mail sent by the U.S. Dist. Court for the Northern Dist. of Illinois regarding the court filed summons; download documents to the file folder; print document and encloin file.	6	0.25 0.00 0.00 0.00	175.00 T@7	43.75
358202 TIME 5/21/2008 WIP Review court file to determine if Answer file review office file for Answer; confirm Answer due dates; review U. S. District Court website to verify the date and time that the presiding Judge hears motions; prepare motion for default judgment pursuant to F. Rul. Civ. P. 55 for failure to Answer or otherwise plead.	er [*]	2.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	175.00 T@7	350.00

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Grand Total

Unbillable Total

Filing Fee

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Service

\$1,962.50

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Phone: (312)-251-9700 Fax: (312)-251-9701

Invoice# 182305

Date Of Invoice: 4/14/2008

Plaintiff: Trustees of the Regional Council of Carpenters Pension Fund

Court CaseID: 08C1781

Firm# N7638/DPM

Case Returned Date: 5/1/08

County

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Process Server: RONDA J. FEEHAN

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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Defendant:#1 Distinctive Spaces, Inc. Type Of Service: CORPORATE SERVICE

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Sex MALE Age 50 Height 5'10" Build THIN Hair Color GREY Race WHITE

Defendant:#2 Type Of Service:

Person Served: Date Of Service: Time:

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Location 1608 SIERRA HIGHLANDS DR , PLAINFIELD, IL, Type Of Premise: HOUSE

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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

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Type Of Service: N

NON-SERVICE

Person Served:

Date Of Service:

Time: 8:20 AM

Sex

Build

Hair Color

Race

Defendant:#2 Type Of Service:

Person Served: Date Of Service: Time:

Sex Age Height Build Hair Color Race

Location 127 Ambassador #111, Naperville, IL, 60540

Type Of Premise: OFFICE

4/8/2008

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Amount Received

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Balance Due

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Affidavit of Special Process Server

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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

AT THE LOCATION 127 Ambassador #111

Naperville, IL, 60540

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OFFICE

ON THE DEFENDANT ON THIS CAUSE AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SERVE BECAUSE:

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LARRY E. BIELA

4/9/2008

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